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Applicant(s):

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Application No.:

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METHOD FOR THE DETECTION OF DYES IN FLUORESCENCE

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated September 30, 2002.

Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$930.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit

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Respectfully submitted,

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